

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2021

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL TO MODIFY ITS DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS; CASE
NO. IPC-E-21-32.**

On October 1, 2021, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Commission for an Order authorizing it to: (1) modify its demand response (“DR”) programs; (2) implement associated revised tariff schedules; and (3) establish a revised cost-effectiveness methodology to evaluate DR. Application at 1. If approved, the proposed changes would supersede the terms of the settlement agreement approved by Commission Order No. 32923. *Id.* In support of the Application, the Company filed the direct testimony of Quentin Nesbitt, Customer Research and Analysis Leader in the Customer Relations and Energy Efficiency Department, regarding the Company’s proposed modifications to its DR programs; and the direct testimony of Jared Ellsworth, Transmission, Distribution, and Resource Planning Director, regarding the recent improvements in capacity contribution of supply-side and demand-side resources, and how these improvements were considered in evaluating the DR program. The Company requests the Commission issue an Order by February 15, 2022, so there’s time to implement the requested changes by June 15, 2022. *Id.* at 19.

On October 20, 2021, the Commission granted intervention into this case to Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Inc. *See* Order No. 35207.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff has reviewed the Application and recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline establishing a 21-day intervention period. Staff also recommends that the Commission direct Staff to work informally with the parties to discuss

scheduling and other matters that may arise, and for Staff to then report to the Commission with a proposed schedule.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application, and Notice of Intervention Deadline establishing a 21-day intervention period? Does the Commission also wish to direct Staff to work informally with the parties to discuss scheduling and other matters that may arise, and for Staff to then report to the Commission with a proposed schedule?



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